Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Is there any other way from which Government get this betting tax ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—What is the question ?

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—What are the ways in which this betting tax is collected ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Betting tax is collected under the Act that is now in force.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Do the Government know that racing takes place in Bangalore ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Are not the Corporation providing all the amenities for the races in the race course ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I do not see that the Corporation provides any special facilities or amenities for these races.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—In answer to (*d*), Government have answered in negative. May I know the reason ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Reason is, the Corporation is not entitled ; that is the answer.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—May I know whether the Madras Government are paying for the Corporation ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I want notice for that.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Do you at least give an assurance that if the Madras Government are paying.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Member may know it. But the Minister wants notice.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—I know the Madras Government pay a little amount to the Corporation of Madras. Will our Government also consider this ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—No ; I do not consider it that way, Sir.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY (Mysore City South).—Is the Race Course ground removed from the limits of the Corporation ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The Race Course ground is well within the limits of the Bangalore City Corporation.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—So, the races take place within the Corporation limit ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Certainly.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Do the Race Course authorities pay any compensation to the Corporation ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That does not arise.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Is not the Race Course being provided with sanitary facilities by the Corporation ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—All the amenities to which the Race Course is entitled, are provided.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Is it paying for the sanitary conveniences and other things that are being provided by the Corporation ?

(No answer.)

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎ. ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪಗೌಡರು (ಜರಕಲಗೂಡು).—ಈ ರೇಸ್‌ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಜಮೀನು ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ನಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ್ದೇ ಅಥವಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿದ್ದೇ ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I want notice for that.

Sri G. A. THIMMAPPA GOWDA.—Am I right in saying that the land belongs to the Government and not to the Corporation ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That may be.

Sri R. ANANTHARAMAN (Chamarajapet).—Are the Government aware that a deputation from the Corporation was sent to represent to Government to give a share of the betting tax to the Corporation ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes.

Sri R. ANANTHARAMAN.—Are the Government aware that at that time, they said that they would sympathetically consider the question ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That I have already answered in answer (*d*).

Sri R. ANANTHARAMAN.—Will the Government make up their mind now to give a share of the betting tax this year ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Government have already made up their mind in their reply.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ (ಮಾಗಡಿ).—ಕುದುರೆ ಜೂಜಿನ ಆಟದಿಂದ ಬಹು ಜನ ಕೆಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That supplementary does not arise.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Rock-burst at Kolar Gold Fields and relief to families of the deceased.

Q.—13. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a rock-burst occurred on 1st July 1952 at Kolar Gold Fields ;

(*b*) if so, the casualties ;

(*c*) the reasons for the rock-burst ;

(*d*) the steps taken to give relief ?

A.—Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) There was a rock-burst in the Champion Reef Mines, Kolar Gold Fields, on 30th June 1952.

(*b*) 12 persons were reported to be missing, of whom two were rescued alive. Dead bodies of three persons were removed from the debris. There are still 7 more persons to be traced and they are believed to be dead.

(*c*) The reasons for the rock-burst are not yet available.

(*d*) It is ascertained that a sum of Rs. 20,940 (Rupees twenty thousand nine hundred and forty only) has been deposited by the Mining Company towards payment of compensation to the families of the deceased persons.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—It is said that there are still 7 more persons to be traced and they are believed to be dead. Are any efforts made to remove the dead bodies of these persons from the debris ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Every effort has been made and is still being made for the recovery of the dead bodies.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—What is the result ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Up-to-date still 7 persons are missing.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—When a rock-burst like this occurs, whose concern is it to give safety measures ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—No doubt, all possible safety will be given by the people concerned.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Whose is the responsibility, I am putting a question. Whether it is that of the Company or the Government ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Well, Sir, the law is there, it governs the Mining Companies and the Mining Companies will take all the precautions under the law.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that these rock-bursts are of late on the increase every year ?

Sri M. LINGANNA (Nanjangud).—On a point of order, Sir. I want to know whether two Ministers can answer the same question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes. Sri Linga Reddy may go on.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that these rock-bursts are on the increase every year ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Yes, Sir ; it is very unfortunate.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—What safety measures are adopted to prevent these rock-bursts ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Sir, we have to remember that they are working in some of the deepest mines in the world and necessarily the risk is also a little greater. There are specialists appointed by the Mining Companies to make arrangements to avoid all such accidents as far as possible.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Is it true that of late the Mining Companies are not paying the required attention to give sufficient protection to the people that suffer in these rockbursts ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Well, Sir, Government have got a representative. Of course, it comes under the Central Government. That representative looks after all these safeguards and giving protection to them.